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1. A cement plant is situated east of the town of Hranice (P 50/0 25) on the Hranice-Valasske Mezirici railroad line, not far from the point where the Belotin - Novy Jicin state road crosses the tracks.
2. The plant is about 200 meters to the south of the Hranice - Belotin - Novy Jicin state road, and about 30 to 50 meters east of the railroad line. Further to the southwest of the new buildings is an old lime kiln, which is still being worked.
3. In July 1953, the construction of buildings was nearing the last stage. The setting-up of equipment began. Building was done by the Prostějov.- Hranice branch of Prumstav, National Enterprise.
4. Most of the machinery came from East Germany, e.g., crushers. These are new machines supplied to Russia as war reparations by East Germany and sold to Czechoslovakia by the USSR.
5. Machinery was assembled by workers from East Germany. Electrical equipment was supplied by the Energovod (formerly Energostav) plant in Prague II, Dittrichova 21. The pneumatic-operated switches and circuit breakers, piston rods, current and tension converters were supplied by Hungary. The parts supplied by Hungary were of lower than average quality. The 100 KW distributor was of Czech origin.
6. According to an estimate based on the rate of progress of the assembly of electrical distributors, the cement works may start production in about spring 1954. These cement works will probably be the largest in Czechoslovakia.

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7. Description (numbers refer to Annex A):

- (1) The main entrance to the works is from the Hranice - Belotin state highway, about 150 meters to the east of the railroad line. A new road branches off the main road and wooden gates have been put up on it. The west side is not fenced. The eastern part is partially fenced.
- (2) On the other side of the road is a guard post with civilian guards of the CSSZ (Czechoslovak Construction Works). It is a wooden building, 10 x 5 meters.
- (3) A larger wooden building, in which there is a shop and a movie theater for the building workers, 25 x 12 meters.
- (4) Two small brick houses, 25 x 10 meters, one containing the Prumstav offices and the other a first-aid post.
- (5) Five wooden huts for building workers employed here. The huts are 25 x 10 meters.
- (6) Several wooden and brick buildings, roughly 25 x 10 meters, used as stores, as offices of individual sectors of the construction, and as living quarters.
- (7) Guardhouse of the power station; a brick, two-story building, still under construction in September 1953, 8 x 5 meters.
- (8) The cement works extend north to south about 300 meters and east to west 300 to 400 meters, and are bordered by the railroad track (8) leading to the lime kiln in the west and by the high tension line on the east (9).
- (9) The high tension line is the original old line from the Trebovice power station. The new cement works will be connected to this line.
- (10) An L-shaped, brick kitchen building, two-story. The longer wing with the annex, still under construction, measures about 60 x 10 meters. The shorter wing of the kitchen is 20 x 10 meters.
- (11) A concrete building, called the "silo". It is shaped in a triple ellipse about 60 meters long, 15 meters wide at its widest point, and about 15 meters high with a flat roof. Ground cement is put here before processing.
- (12) A second so-called "silo". Its measurements are the same as the first and it was finished in September 1953, while the first was not yet under roof.
- (13) A large brick building, which looks like a production hall, 30 x 80 meters. This building will probably be used for storage.
- (14) Concrete building for the 100 KV distributor, entirely of reinforced concrete, 80 x 30 meters. In the northern end of this building, which is divided into two stories, is the 100 KV distributor of Czech manufacture. The lead-in wire is on the roof and will be connected to the high-tension line. The line is probably 100 KV. The southern part of this building is occupied by a 6 KV distributor and the western half will probably be used as a machine shop. In September 1953 machines, probably pumping equipment, were being assembled here.
- (15) A new double-track railroad line. At the end of the track, there is a building, 30 x 20 meters, with a loading ramp.
- (16) Building with loading ramp.
- (17) A two-story building which will be the administrative building of the cement works, 30 x 12 meters.
- (18) Another brick, one-story building. A storehouse and a Pramen food shop, 40 x 10 meters.

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- (19) Mechanical repair shop equipped with three lathes, a forge and a joiners' shop, in a wooden building, 30 x 20 meters.
- (20) Chimney, about 60 meters high.
- (21) The cement works extend east of the chimney and are entirely of reinforced concrete. They consist of two buildings connected by a double pipeline roughly three meters above ground:
- (a) The western building is the larger one, about 40 x 20 meters, and will probably have two stories. In this building is the equipment for the cement works proper. The pipeline connecting the two buildings rests on reinforced concrete supports and is of metal, 60 meters long.
 - (b) The second building is smaller, also of reinforced concrete, with two stories, 20 x 22 meters. A bridge extends from the first building to the quarry, and will probably carry a conveyor. The bridge is constructed of iron.
- (22) A second 6 KV distributor of Hungarian origin in a new reinforced concrete building. In the eastern part are two transformers, also of Hungarian origin.
- (23) South of the workshops and the distributor there is a smaller brick building, 8 x 18 meters (not shown on sketch).
- (24) A third 6 KV distributor, situated in the wood about 600 meters south of the chimney. It is L-shaped, 20 x 15 meters and 20 x 5 meters. The equipment of this distributor is of Hungarian manufacture and partly Czech. The distributor in the wood is to have a parallel connection with the distributor near the workshops and is to be used only for the quarry, where a new electric excavator has been installed. The connection is by underground cable.
- (25) Unidentified building.
8. The original quarry begins at the edge of a pine forest in the direction of the village of Kostelicek. The supply of material in the quarry seems almost inexhaustible.
9. About 300 workers, including assembly and building workers, are employed on this project. The building workers work two shifts.

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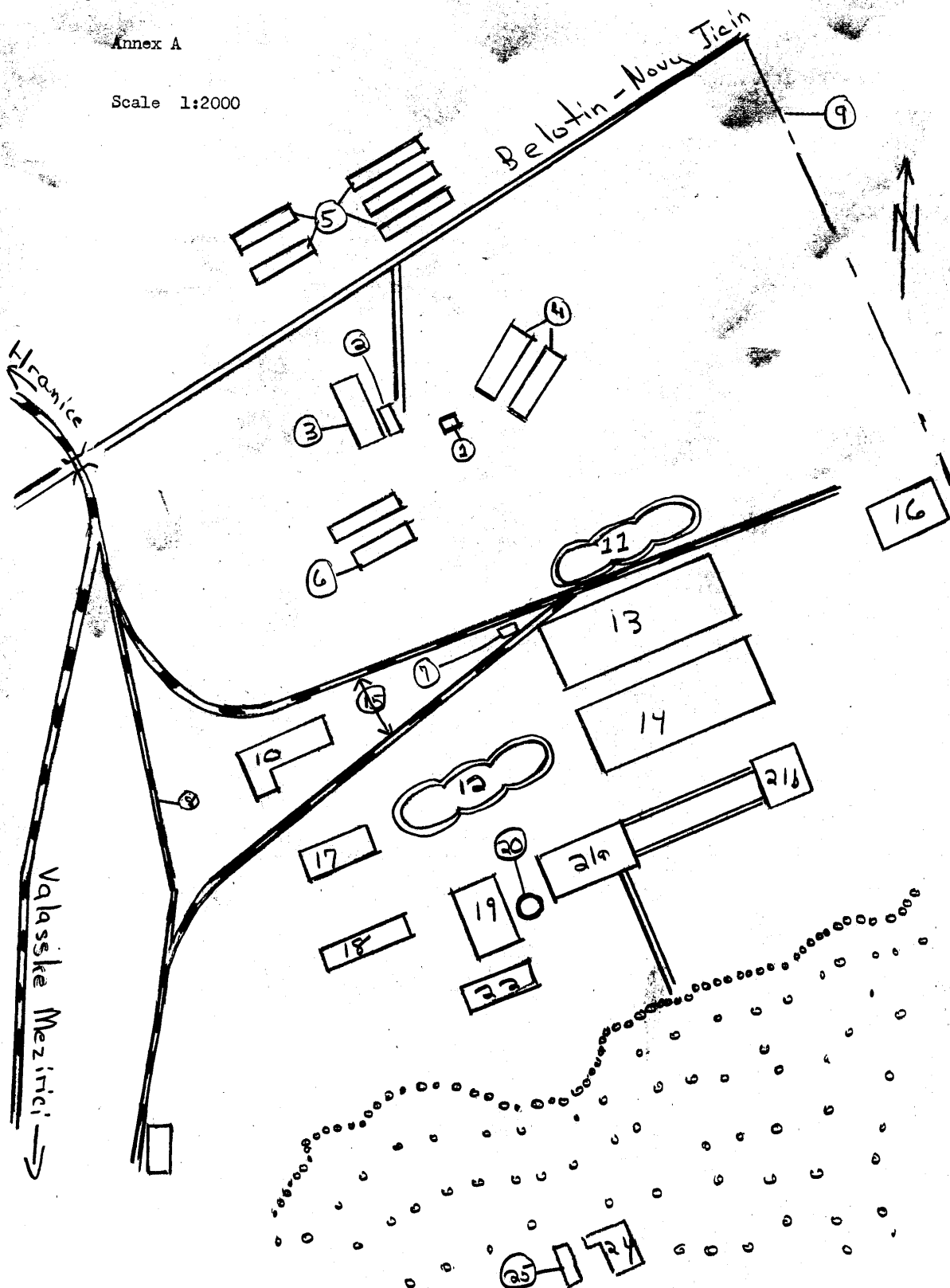
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Annex A

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